

Right-Wing Leaders to Meet Here

By Drew Pearson
and Jack Anderson

An important "Conference of Conservatives" is to be held in Washington this winter to celebrate the promised victories of Ronald Reagan in California, Lurleen Wallace in Alabama, Brig Gen. Harrison Thyng in New Hampshire, Claude Kirk in Florida, and other right-wing candidates whom the Liberty Lobby and extremists groups are backing.

To arrange for the convention, Curtis B. Dall, former son-in-law of Franklin D. Roosevelt, dropped into Liberty Lobby headquarters the other day to sign a letter to members asking them to vote on who should call on President Johnson to present right-wing views.

Though members of right-wing groups don't like to have their operations reported in the press, this column can reveal that an argument took place between Dall and Willis A. Carto, founder of the Liberty Lobby, as to whether Kenneth Goff should be on the delegation to see the President.

(Goff is a former Communist who later teamed up with rabble-rousing, anti-Semitic Gerald L. K. Smith and is now a member of the secret board that controls the Liberty Lobby. Dall, who is chairman of the Liberty Lobby's board of policy, argued that Goff was too controversial to be on the

five-man delegation to call at the White House.

Dall, since divorced by Anna Roosevelt, only daughter of the late President, has been engaged in business in Philadelphia and has been a front for the Liberty Lobby. He has also been active in the Constitution Party, which urges American withdrawal from the United Nations, the repeal of Federal income and state inheritance taxes.

Lost Libel Suit

In August, 1962, Dall testified before the Senate Finance Committee that the "real center and heart of this international cabal (to promote the Trade Expansion Act) shows its hand; namely, the political Zionist planners for absolute rule via one world government."

When this column reported Dall's testimony and described it as anti-Semitic, he sued for \$2 million but lost. He appealed right up to the Supreme Court, but lost in all courts.

Though the leaders of the "Conference of Conservatives" seemed confident that President Johnson would see them, it may not be as easy as they predict. This column has seen some of the files of the Liberty Lobby and can reveal the far-flung network of affiliated conservative groups backing Reagan in California, Mrs. Wallace in Alabama, Lester Maddox in Georgia, Brig. Gen. Thyng in New Hampshire,

Robert Cline, the extremist now running for Congress from Los Angeles, and other right-wing candidates around the U.S.A.

(We can also reveal that in the closet of the Liberty Lobby office of director Willis Carto there are two high-powered Japanese rifles secreted in a packing case.)

(On Nov. 22, 1963, lawyers for this column were taking the pre-trial deposition of John W. Wood, then attorney for the Liberty Lobby, when news of President Kennedy's assassination was received. It was suggested that in view of the assassination, the deposition should be suspended.)

(“You must feel as bad as Madame Nhu when President Kennedy ordered her husband gunned down,” remarked Carto.)

Vicious Attack on LBJ

(Carto, when asked by a subordinate on his staff what he is doing with the rifles, explained that they were to be shipped back to California. The rifles, however, are still there.)

Whether President Johnson chooses to see the delegation of conservatives or not, we believe that the public is entitled to know something of their backstage operation.

The Liberty Lobby office is located at 132 3rd st. se., in Washington and has a working

relationship with the United Republicans of America under Bruce Evans, whose goal is to have the conservatives take over the Republican party. The Liberty Lobby and the United Republicans of America frequently interchange office equipment.

Chief funds for the Liberty Lobby are raised from individual subscribers and from periodic mail appeals to a list of right-wing sympathizers. One week's mailing in August brought in approximately \$100,000, which caused considerable glee on the part of Carto. He immediately went out and bought \$300 worth of new office furniture.

At times the lobby has been hard up for funds, and in 1964 had to borrow money from Verne P. Cobb. Its "Liberty Letter" for \$1 a year circulates to a subscription list of approximately 180,000.

Among its more generous contributors have been Conrad Chapman of Boston, J. H. Pew of the Sun Oil Co. in Philadelphia, Evelyn Beck of Alamo, Calif., and E. H. Mettler of Shafter, Calif.

Most important and vicious contribution which the Liberty Lobby has made to the political picture—at least openly—was the six-page smear called, "LBJ: A Political Biography," of which about 1 million copies were circulated throughout the United States during the 1964 presidential election.

© 1966, Bell-McClure Syndicate, Inc.